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CIVIL AVIATION
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Grounding of Dreamliner Aircraft
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether two Dreamliner aircrafts had to be grounded due to technical snags in the first quarter of this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Boeing had sent a big technical team to resolve the issues with Air India"s Dreamliners and carried out suitable modifications on them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. Dreamliner aircraft have experienced technical reliability issues, since induction into Air India fleet. Boeing has been addressing these issues through the Service Bulletins/Modifications for reliability enhancement on a regular basis. These modifications are combined into Reliability Enhancement Modification Packages. Boeing team had visited Air India Mumbai facility, for accomplishment of these Reliability Enhancement Modification Packages in phases during following durations:

(i) From Jan. 2013 to May 2013 (Phase I)

(ii) From Nov. 2013 to Jan. 2014 (Phase II)

(iii) From Nov. 2014 to April 2015; Nov. 2015 to Dec. 2015 (Phase III)